

**Senate File 2326 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3189)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the funding of the statewide interoperable  
2 communications system and the expenditure of moneys from the  
3 E911 emergency communications fund.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29C.23, Code 2016, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **29C.23 ~~Iowa radio interoperability platform~~ Statewide**  
4 **interoperable communications system.**

5 1. The ~~Iowa radio interoperability platform~~ statewide  
6 interoperable communications system shall be under the  
7 joint purview of the department of public safety and the  
8 department of transportation. The departments shall jointly  
9 submit a biannual report to the ~~Iowa~~ statewide interoperable  
10 communications system board beginning July 1, 2016.

11 2. The treasurer of state is authorized to enter into  
12 a financing agreement in accordance with the provisions  
13 of section 12.28 for the purpose of building the statewide  
14 interoperable communications system.

15 Sec. 2. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, Code 2016, is amended  
16 by adding the following new paragraph:

17 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Of.* The program manager shall allocate  
18 four million three hundred eighty-three thousand dollars to  
19 the department of public safety in the fiscal year beginning  
20 July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, for payments and other  
21 costs due under a financing agreement entered into by the  
22 treasurer of state for building the statewide interoperable  
23 communications system pursuant to section 29C.23, subsection 2.

24 Sec. 3. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code  
25 2016, is amended to read as follows:

26 *f.* If moneys remain in the fund after fully paying all  
27 obligations under paragraphs "a", "b", "c", "d", and "e",  
28 and "Of", the remainder may be accumulated in the fund as  
29 a carryover operating surplus. The program manager, in  
30 consultation with the E911 communications council, shall  
31 allocate an amount, not to exceed one hundred thousand  
32 dollars per fiscal year, for development of public awareness  
33 and educational programs related to the use of 911 by the  
34 public, educational programs for personnel responsible for the  
35 maintenance, operation, and upgrading of local E911 systems,

1 and the expenses of members of the E911 communications council  
2 for travel, monthly meetings, and training. The remaining  
3 surplus shall be used to fund future network and public safety  
4 answering point improvements for the receipt and disposition  
5 of 911 calls, including hardware and software for an internet  
6 protocol-enabled next generation network, and wireless  
7 carriers' transport costs related to wireless E911 services, if  
8 those costs are not otherwise recovered by wireless carriers  
9 through customer billing or other sources and approved by the  
10 program manager in consultation with the E911 communications  
11 council. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), any moneys remaining  
12 in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to  
13 the general fund of the state but shall remain available for  
14 the purposes of the fund.

15 Sec. 4. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. If 2016 Iowa Acts, House  
16 File 2439 and this Act, if enacted, amend section 34A.7A,  
17 subsection 2, by adding new lettered paragraphs before section  
18 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph "f", the Code editor shall, if  
19 possible, harmonize the amendments in those two Acts to section  
20 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph "f", to modify the references  
21 to the lettered paragraphs codified in that subsection 2 before  
22 that paragraph "f", so that the references also refer to both  
23 new lettered paragraphs added by those two Acts.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill relates to the funding of the statewide  
28 interoperable communications system and the expenditure of  
29 moneys from the E911 emergency communications fund.

30 The bill authorizes the treasurer of state to enter into  
31 a financing agreement pursuant to Code section 12.28 for the  
32 purpose of building the statewide interoperable communications  
33 system.

34 The bill provides funding for such statewide interoperable  
35 communications system from moneys in the E911 emergency

1 communications fund. Under current Code section 34A.7A, a  
2 monthly surcharge is imposed on all communications service  
3 providers in Iowa. Moneys collected pursuant to the surcharge  
4 are deposited in the E911 emergency communications fund and are  
5 expended by the E911 program manager in a priority order as  
6 listed in Code section 34A.7A(2).

7 The bill requires the program manager, in the fiscal year  
8 starting July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, to allocate  
9 \$4,383,000 of the surcharge moneys to the department of  
10 public safety for payments due under a financing agreement for  
11 building the statewide interoperable communications system.

12 The bill directs the Code editor to harmonize the amendments  
13 to Code section 34A.7A(2), paragraph "f", in 2016 Iowa Acts,  
14 House File 2439 and this bill, if enacted.